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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *APB*

FROM : Mr. S. J. Papich *SP*

SUBJECT: MANUEL PINEIRO *(S)*
IS - CUBA

DATE: 8/16/63

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Harold Swenson, CIA, furnished the following to the *KP 3-19-98*
Liaison Agent on 8/15/63: *(S)(u)*

(30-65 74th St.) JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY, NY 4-1-98
SLD/KSR

The subject reportedly is the Number Two Man in the Cuban G-2 Organization in Havana. He has a cousin in New York City named Salustiano Franco Losada who is employed as a cab driver. Franco was born 11/26/14 and resides at the home of another relative named Eva R. Portilla, 30-65 74th Street, Jackson Heights, New York City, NY phone HI 6-8540 *(S)(u)*

Information developed by CIA has indicated the relationship between Franco and Pineiro in the past was of a very friendly nature. Although Pineiro holds a top position in the Cuban G-2, he allegedly is not a confirmed communist and owes his current success to some smooth political maneuvering. He essentially is an opportunist. *(S)(u)*

CIA desires to explore the possibilities of recruiting Pineiro and in this connection, the Agency feels that Franco possibly could be useful. The Agency is speculating that an individual such as Franco could provide the entree to contacts or connection with Pineiro. *(S)(u)*

Swenson inquired if the Bureau would conduct an inquiry with the view of developing information concerning Franco's background, his present economic status, general reputation and particularly his attitude toward the present Cuban Government. *(S)(u)*

Swenson also mentioned that Pineiro has an American wife (this previously has been reported to the Bureau). He advised that his Agency would welcome any observations or suggestions which the Bureau might offer concerning the possible utilization of any of Mrs. Pineiro's relatives in this country. Swenson referred to the possible use of such relatives in establishing contact with the subject through his wife. *(S)(u)*

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ACTION:

The above information and the CIA request are being referred to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section. The reply to CIA should be submitted via Liaison. *4/24/96* *(S)(u)*

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